



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Intermittent precipitation occurred while the abundance of heat and dry conditions pushed crops to maturity. Conditions were ideal for harvesting in most districts while winter wheat plantings continued in spite of dry conditions. The potato harvest in the San Luis Valley was delayed temporarily as a result of localized precipitation. Most crop condition ratings held steady or showed a slight decline last week. Reporters indicated localized rangeland moisture stress was voiced as a concern by livestock producers in the northeastern district. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was rated 62 percent average and 38 percent light. Cattle death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 70 percent average, and 29 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
3 rd cutting	89	82	88	89
4 th cutting	31	21	25	31
Corn				
Mature	60	45	36	53
Harvested	7	1	5	10
Corn Silage				
Harvested	79	59	83	86
Dry Beans				
Cut	62	41	68	78
Harvested	33	18	39	49
Onions				
Harvested	60	49	50	67
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	35	24	34	46
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	78	61	90	88
Sorghum				
Coloring	94	88	83	90
Mature	48	37	43	36
Harvested	6	--	5	4
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	25	11	23	13
Sunflowers				
Harvested	7	4	--	6
Winter wheat				
Planted	57	45	67	60
Emerged	23	14	31	24

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	6	9	25
Short	41	38	34	31
Adequate	51	56	53	42
Surplus	--	--	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	7	17	30
Short	35	33	33	32
Adequate	57	60	49	37
Surplus	--	--	1	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor	--	--	3	7
Poor	5	4	11	11
Fair.....	26	26	24	31
Good	57	58	45	41
Excellent	12	12	17	10
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	2	13
Poor	3	3	5	10
Fair.....	24	23	26	25
Good	61	60	51	41
Excellent	12	14	16	11
Dry Beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	6
Poor	1	1	1	10
Fair.....	35	35	42	40
Good	58	58	44	38
Excellent	6	6	13	6
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	1	1	6
Fair.....	12	12	19	27
Good	76	75	68	57
Excellent	11	12	12	9
Onions				
Very poor	3	3	--	NA
Poor	8	8	1	NA
Fair.....	17	17	16	NA
Good	60	60	62	NA
Excellent	12	12	21	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	1	1	6	21
Poor	17	16	21	24
Fair.....	26	25	26	28
Good	47	48	39	23
Excellent	9	10	8	4
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	6	NA
Poor	4	4	12	NA
Fair.....	16	16	26	NA
Good	55	53	47	NA
Excellent	25	27	9	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	3	16
Poor	10	10	15	17
Fair.....	28	29	52	36
Good	59	59	29	28
Excellent	3	2	1	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	1	1	3	5
Fair.....	8	7	19	23
Good	76	76	56	57
Excellent	15	16	21	15
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	1	14
Poor	8	8	9	14
Fair.....	30	31	41	31
Good	49	48	41	34
Excellent	13	13	8	7

NA – not available
 (--) – zero